

Territorial News

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Minnesota Territorial Pioneers' Log Cabin Dedication May 11th, 1900

We gather here, dear friends, today,
To weld the chain whose links are years;
Although our locks are thin and gray,
Our eyes are bright, but not with tears.

Fond recollection heaves a sigh
For days when we were hale and young,
As on Time's ladder we espy
The space we've mounted rung by rung.

And yet Dame Nature has been kind,
She's led us safely through the past;
And given us strength of heart and mind
To hold up boldly while we last.

We are not old. We're young today,
While living o'er those times still dear;
Whose mem'ry will not fade away
But brighter grow each passing year.

And while we of Now and Then,
It seems to us but a dream;
A pleasant ramble through the glen,
Or floating down some peaceful stream.

Until aroused by sights and sounds,
And signs of progress everywhere,
Can we believe that here abounds
Such wealth and health in earth and air?

The North Star State is a surprise
To all the nations of the earth;
Well may we laud her to the skies
And bless the year that gave her birth.

Her age we know is two-score-two,
And dates from May '58;
This comely maid and handsome, too –
From prestige had not long to wait.

With joy and pride we've seen her grow
From callow youth to statehood grand,
From virgin soil of long ago,
To Flour-ry queen of all the land.

This cabin, built of Norway pine,
To house the old-time Pioneers;
Will serve for memory's tender vine
To climb and twine a hundred years.

Secretary's Report

Finally, some snow! I was beginning to think that I lived further South. It has been so warm in Minnesota that I haven't even worn my winter coat yet!! I hope that everyone had a Happy Holiday Season.

Applications have been very slowly coming in, about one every other week. This is good but it would be nice to get one a week. Since I am such a procrastinator, I am still working on sorting through files. I have not been in the office much over the Holidays but I will be getting back on schedule now.

We have had more members catching up on their dues but still have about 58 people who have not yet paid 2006 dues. It is almost time for 2007 dues to be in. So hopefully, more people will catch up. If you have an asterick with an (A) after your name, please, please pay your dues.

We researched different computers and have ordered a new computer for the office. When this arrives we will be able to network with the old computer and then more than one person will be able to work in the office. Since it is a rather small office, we will be cramped but at least we will be able to talk with each other face to face rather than through e-mail. Since both Norma, Elaine and I all work on the computer, we have to schedule separate times in the office. This will be rather nice and will improve on communication between us.

Well, I will keep this report short and sweet. I hope that all our members are well and happy. Remember, we like to hear from you and we like to share the news about everyone. So please let us know how you are doing. We love to congratulate people on new family members, happy and sad times in their lives and things that are happening with them. Please keep in touch. We are proud of you and we wish you the best in this upcoming year.

Mary Casebolt, Secretary

Donations from October-December 2006

Ray Anfang – energy efficient light bulbs for the log cabin

Michael Hecht: \$150.00 for expenses

Katie Mytty – spotlight bulbs for the log cabin

Mrs. Winifred Strobel- \$100 in memory of her husband, **Mr. Robert Strobel**

Thank you to all who donated to the MTP since October. Thank you to everyone who donated time, money, or items for the MTP collections this past year.

Curator's Corner

Happy New Year 2007

The Christmas Party brought together our members for a good time. It was fun talking with people about past events and future events for the MTP. I had a good time, and hope everyone else did too. It's a new year for the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, and many new endeavors are on the horizon.

I would like to thank those who have given donations in the past. Keep digging for those pieces of history for our collection. A couple of items I would like to add to the collection: enamel coffee pots in assorted sizes, and a "HORN" to fit our cylinder Graphophone by Columbia, circa 1897-1910. Wouldn't this be a great asset to the Collection?

Speaking of donations, since the last newsletter, a number of donations have been received. **Margaret Raze** donated 4 children's books dated prior to 1900. These books are: "*Robinson Crusoe*" by Daniel Defoe, "Sunny Days" edited by E.T. Roe, "The Swiss Family Robinson" and "*Children's Games For Boys and Girls*". Thank you for these books. **Seraphine Byrne** has donated a hand painted cream and sugar set that belonged to her grandmother. **Mary and Bill Casebolt** has added 2 pieces of "Minnesota Pattern" EAPG to the collection. Which include a 3 handled toothpick holder and a mug. **Floyd Ruggles** (West St. Paul Antique Mall) donated a hog Splitter (late 1800's) to the MTP. All these pieces will be a great asset to the collection. I wish to thank you for these items.

I will be going this January to speak to a chapter of the D.A.R. about Minnesota history, and the history of the Minnesota territorial Pioneers. Later in March, I will be speaking to the Rotary Club of Excelsior in Excelsior.

A month ago the MTP found out that the building storing the collection of portraits is up for sale. This brings a matter of concerns to the MTP. With this information it is possible that we may have to look for another building to store and work on the portraits. I am

putting out a plea to the general membership for donations to help with the moving of the portraits, or if anyone knows of a building (or one they have) where we could up the work on the portraits. The building in question would have to meet some criteria as far as storage, and it would be nice if we could include office space for the MTP. Your consideration would be greatly appreciated.

The New Year brings many concerns to the MTP, and any input you may have would be greatly appreciated.

Richard MacNabb
Curator

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

December 2, 2006 was a bitterly cold day, but that was quickly forgotten by the 46 people who attended the annual holiday luncheon at the Cherokee Sirloin Room in W. St. Paul.

The program began with greetings and comments about the portrait project by President **Anne Hawkins**. Some of the portraits have been recorded on a CD which was running continuously during the party.

Richard Sandeen gave a brief summary of the scholarship project and that was followed by the invocation given by **Rev. Thomas Phillips**.

The food was delicious, as usual, and the service friendly, efficient and accommodating with two meals being kept warm, then prepared for "take home" to ill spouses.

Following lunch we were entertained by clarinetist **Bill Harrison**, accompanied by a back up tape. He played music by **George Gershwin**.

The final activities were the gift exchange and drawings for door prizes. Sunshine and a reduced wind chill was a welcome end to an enjoyable event.

The next luncheon will include the Annual Meeting, May 12, 2007 at the Fort Snelling Officers Club.

Katherine Harrison
Social Committee Chair



Board Members Needed

As we near the end of our fiscal year in May, we are looking for a few good people. This is the time of year that we look to our membership for people who are interested in serving on the 2005-2006 Board of Directors.

It is a year long commitment. We meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month except in December beginning at 10:00am. The meetings usually last about 2 - 2½ hours and are held in the Board room at Associated Bank - Liberty Office (the old Liberty Bank building).

If you are interested, please contact the office: 651-379-1849 or contact us by email at: mnterritorialpioneers@yahoo.com

Even if you are not interested in the time commitment of every 3rd Saturday, we always will welcome any of you to serve on some of the various MTP committees. You do not have to be a board member to serve on any committee within the Pioneers. Some of these committees are: membership, portrait, nominating, newsletter, social and Curator's committees. If you are interested, please call for details.

Just a Reminder

The dates of the next Minnesota State Fair are:

**Thursday, August 24th
through
Monday, Labor Day, September 4, 2006**

Please check your calendar and set aside a day to work at the Log Cabin.

- * **Bouton**
- * **Bergner's**
- * **Boston Store**
- * **Carson Pirie Scott**
- * **Elder-Beerman**
- * **Herberger's**
- * **Younker's**

March 3, 2007

Saturday

Community Day Event

It comes so fast!

Coupon Books - \$5.00 each

The MTP is selling these wonderful coupon books again. The entire \$5.00 goes to us and you benefit by having 6 - 20% off coupons and 1 - \$10.00 coupon good at all the stores listed next to this notice. What a great buy and the \$5.00 you spent on the book is tax deductible. It is a win-win situation for everyone. Please send a check made out to the MTP before February 24th and we will mail the coupon book (s) out to you. So simple & easy.

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St. Paul, MN 55104**

If you have questions, please call:
Mary or Norma at 651-379-1849.

WISH LIST

The State Fair Committee is looking for monetary donations for energy efficient lights at the Log Cabin. We can purchase them at Sam's Club as we have an account there. Last year due to the generous donations of Ray Anfang and Bill Casebolt, we were able to replace the lights on the kitchen side of the Log Cabin. This saved over \$50.00 on our Fair utility bill. This year, Katie Mytty has generously donated money to replace 3 spotlights. We still have a need for 12 more spotlights and 10 more bulbs. Not only does this save the MTP money but also helps conserve on energy. Please consider this. The spotlights are \$16.00 for three and the smaller bulbs are \$13.00 for eight. Checks/monies can be sent to the MTP office. Thank you in advance for your generosity. 2007 Fair Dates are: Aug 23 through Sept 3, 2007.

The State Fair Committee

COMMITTEES IN BRIEF

GOOD AND WELFARE: Katie Mytty has a sent Get Well card to Marie Hutchinson, mother of Mia Hutchiinson. She has been ill and had to have surgery, but is recovering now. Our prayers are with her. Remember, if you or one of your family is ill, please let us know, we would be happy to send them a card.

PORTRAIT COMMITTEE

The Portrait Committee is up and at 'em. We have an experienced photographer. Now we need muscle and someone with computer savvy and time to help us. We are also looking for people who are willing to research the Pioneers whose portraits we have, starting with their application and expanding with birth and death records, newspaper articles, land purchases, etc. Family members are especially encouraged to flesh out their ancestors stories. We are proud of these hardy and adventuresome people and want the Minnesota Territory residents to meet them.

Mary Vavroskey

Portrait Chair

MTP BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEETING SCHEDULE

February 17, 2007
10:00am-12:00pm
Associated-Liberty Office

April 21, 2007
10:00am-12:00pm
Associated-Liberty Office

March 17, 2007
10:00am – 12:00pm
Associated – Liberty Office

May 12, 2007
10:00am-12:00pm
Annual Meeting
Fort Snelling Officers Club

We meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Meetings are held at the Associated Bank Building, Room 103, on the main floor. This room is off the main hallway of the atrium, before you enter the bank. 176 N Snelling Ave, St Paul, MN 55104

2006-2007 Minnesota Territorial Pioneers Board of Directors

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Happy New Year

Up Coming Events

Herberger's Community Days
March 3, 2007

Annual Meeting
May 12, 2007